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1. ACCORDING BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER, CALLAHAN DID DISCUSS CANCELLATION OF HOSPITAL AWARDS WITH SHAH AND HOVEYDA DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO TEHRAN. DISCUSSION WAS SOMEWHAT MORE GENERAL THAN REPORTED REFTEL PARA 2, AND BRITISH WITNESS CHARACTERIZED TONE AS QUOTE LET'S PUT OUR DIFFERENCES BEHIND US AND TALK THE MATTER THROUGH UNQTE. BRITISH EMBOFF SAID THAT WHILE SPECIFICS OF LITIGATION AND PAYMENT WERE NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED, ATTITUDE OF SHAH AND PM WAS MORE CONCILIATORY THAN GOI LETTER OF FEBRUARY 25.

2. ATTITUDE OF SHAH AND PM DURING CALLAHAN MEETINGS IS BASICALLY SAME AS ASSAR EXPRESSED IN CONVERSATION WITH ECON COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 25, REPORTED THERAN 1982. ONLY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE EMBASSY SEES IS THAT WHILE ASSAR CITES POSSIBILITY OF LITIGATION IN HIS LETTER, SHAH AND HOVEYDA WERE SILENT ON THIS POINT WITH CALLAHAN.

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR TOLD CHARGE MARCH 10 THAT BRITISH COMPANY HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM ASSAR WHICH WAS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO THE ONE MEDICORP HAD RECEIVED. BRITS WERE POISED TO SEND A STINGING REPLY BUT BRITISH AMBASSADOR TOLD THEM TO HOLD OFF UNTIL HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK THE MATTER OVER WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WEL-
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FARE SHAIKHOLESLAMIZADEH. HE EXPECTS TO DO THIS ON MARCH

15 AND WILL LET US KNOW THE OUTCOME. WE SUGGEST MEDI-
COPR HOLE ITS FIRE AS WELL UNTIL WE REPORT ON THIS MEETING.
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